



NEWSBRIEFS

Free trees

Spruce up your landscape by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August. Everyone who joins the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation with a \$10 donation will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees or 10 white flowering dogwood trees through the Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid between October 15 and December 10, depending on the right time for planting in each member's area. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. "Colorado blue spruce trees truly provide year-round beauty for any landscape," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Dogwood trees will add color and beauty to your yard throughout the year, with their showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries that attract songbirds in the winter." New members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care, and a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication. To receive the free Colorado blue spruce trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to: Ten Free Blue Spruces OR Ten Free Dogwood, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by August 31, 2018, or join online at arborday.org/august.

— Danny Cohn

First home

July accounted nearly 40% of 2017's single-family home purchases made by first-time buyers, the personal-finance website WalletHub took an in-depth look at 2018's *Best & Worst Cities for First-Time Home Buyers*. To determine the most favorable housing markets for first-time buyers, WalletHub took the pulse of real estate in 300 cities of varying sizes using 27 key metrics. The data set ranges from housing affordability to real-estate tax rate to property-crime rate. El Paso was ranked as the 10th best large city. Other stats:

- Akron, OH has the most affordable housing (median house price divided by median annual household income), with a ratio of 1.72, which is 8.9 times cheaper than in Berkley, CA, the city with the least affordable, with a ratio of 15.25.
- Honolulu, HI has the lowest real-

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Many who are quick to run into debt find it takes a long time to crawl out.

— Quips & Quotes

American cowboys, Mexican traditions

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The American cowboy ranching and farming practices are uniquely a North and South American way of life that did not exist in Europe when the Americas were discovered.

After the Spanish arrived in Mexico in 1519, ranches were established and stocked with cattle and horses imported from Spain. Landowners mounted native Indians on well-trained horses and taught them to handle cattle.

By the early 1700s, cattle ranching had spread north into what is now Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico and south to Argentina. The native cowboys were called vaqueros (from the Spanish word for cow) and developed roping skills, using braided rawhide reatas (the root word for lariat).

Ranching ceased to be a strictly Hispanic profession as more Americans poured into once Mexican-held lands (especially after the Mexican/American War, 1846–48). The Anglo newcomers adapted to the vaquero style, and many settlers intermarried with the old Spanish ranching families.

The 1849 gold rush brought even more people to the wild west, which increased the demand for beef. As the livestock industry expanded, these horsemen found work in Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, and Hawaii, taking their equipment and livestock-handling techniques with them.

Today, as long as cattle are raised in big American pastures, the legacy of the vaquero will endure. The early Mexican techniques for handling cattle can be seen throughout the modern livestock industry, like whenever a cowboy cinches a saddle on his horse, straps on chaps (from chaparreras, Spanish for leather leggings), competes in a rodeo (from rodear, Spanish for to surround), or ropes a horse from his remuda (from remudar, Spanish for exchange).

To relive the origin of the cowboy culture, Rudy Avila will give a special presentation



— Photo courtesy of El Paso Archaeological Society

THROWIN' A LOOP – El Paso Archaeological Society has invited Rudy Avila to speak on the origins of cowboy culture during its next monthly meeting, which is scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, August 18, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology. Above Avila teaches roping technique at National Day of the Cowboy in Anthony, TX in 2016.

during El Paso Archaeological Society's (EPAS) next monthly meeting, which is scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, August 18, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Road. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Avila stated that his talk will encompass the ecology and history of the cowboy culture as we know it today. He said that he will discuss the linguistic origins and environmental timeline of ranching and demonstrate the tools of the trade.

For his presentation, Avila will show saddles, spurs, horse tack, and other equipment used by cowboys in the Americas in the past. For example, he will show ropes made of horsehair, rawhide and Lechuguilla, a plant native to the Chihuahuan desert, to compare and contrast materials and techniques used by Native Americans and the early Spanish to make ropes and other tools.

Avila, who was born in Alpine, Texas, grew up on farms in the El Paso area and learned horse and livestock handling from his father. Although his primary career was working as a plumbing and air conditioning contractor until retirement in 2015, he has always had a knack for

Socorro ISD recognized for accounting, finances

By Christie Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Socorro Independent School District has received a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting (COE) for its 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) by the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO). The award signifies high achievement in the district's commitment to transparent and high-quality financial reporting.

"We are pleased to have earned this prestigious award that reflects a noteworthy achievement and our commitment to the highest standards of financial integrity, transparency and accountability," said Tony Reza, chief financial officer in SISD.

The financial report, which was under review by a team of professional auditors for nine months, accounts for SISD's \$453.8 million revenue in local, state and federal funds. The review breaks down the district's expenditures

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estate tax rate, 0.28 percent, which is 13 times lower than in Waterbury, CT, the city with the highest at 3.65 percent.

- Cleveland, OH has the highest rent-to-price ratio, 17.8 percent, which is 4.7 times higher than in San Mateo, CA, the city with the lowest at 3.8 percent.
- Shreveport, LA has the lowest average energy cost per household, \$109.48, which

is four times lower than in Honolulu, HI, the city with the highest at \$432.62. Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-and-worst-cities-for-first-time-home-buyers/5564/> To view the full report.

— Diana Polk

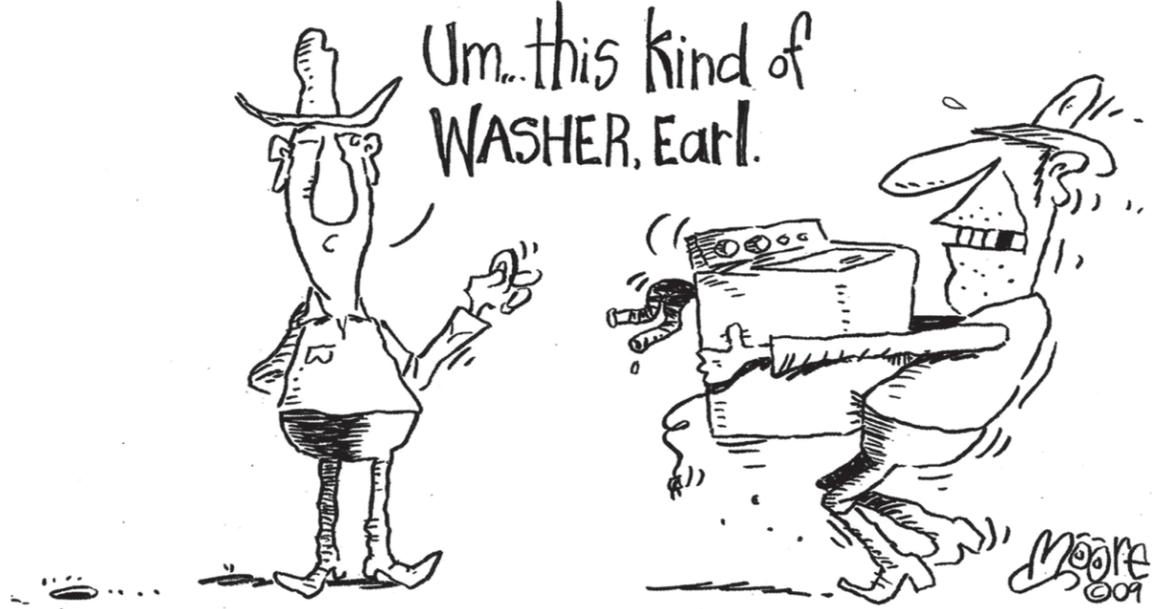
Public Notice
Canutillo Independent School District
504 Child Find

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504, please contact the District's Section 504 Coordinator, Carey Chambers, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, (915) 877-7449, or cchambers@canutillo-isd.org.

Aviso de Identificación de
Estudiantes Incapacitados
Bajo la Sección 504

Bajo la Sección del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y proporcionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de 504 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo, Carey Chambers, al 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, (915) 877-7449, o cchambers@canutillo-isd.org.

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore

"Washers" is the national yard game of Texas and was probably invented here.

Canutillo Independent School District
Public Notice of Special Education Services

Canutillo Independent School district provides the following educational program/services to identified disabled children who reside within the District beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

Instructional Programs including: 1) Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resources (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12); 2) Diagnostic Services; 3) Transportation Services; 4) Speech Therapy; 5) Counseling Services; 6) Adaptive Equipment Services; 7) Physical Therapy; 8) Occupational Therapy; 9) School Health Services; and 10) Homebound Services.

Services are provided to identified children with visual or auditory impairments who reside within the District from birth through age twenty-one.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL provides for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Carey Chambers, Special Education Director, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, (915) 877-7449, or cchambers@canutillo-isd.org.

El Distrito Escolar de Canutillo
Aviso Público de Servicios de Educación Especial

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo provee los siguientes programas/ servicios educacionales a niños que son identificados como deshabilitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años.

Programas de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), cuarto de recurso (K-12) y clases contenida (K-12); 2) servicios diagnósticos; 3) servicios de transportación; 4) terapia de habla; 5) servicios de consejo; 6) servicios de equipaje adaptivo; 7) terapia física; 8) terapia ocupacional; 9) servicios de salud escolar; y 10) servicios de clases en el hogar.

Se provee servicios a niños identificados con discapacidades visuales y audivas que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años.

Conforme al Acto de Derechos y Confidencia Educacionales de Familia de 1974 y Ley Pública 105-17, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Poliza FL explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña deshabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Canutillo que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Carey Chambers, Directora de Educación Especial, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, teléfono: (915) 877-7449, o correo electrónico: cchambers@canutillo-isd.org.

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The battle over socialism is joined

It's begun. We are having a debate over socialism.

Not over whether it's fair to call Democrats socialists. Not over whether socialism has been good for Venezuela or some other faraway, unfortunate country. But socialist policies right here in the United States.

The press attention to a new study of the costs of "Medicare for all," or universal health coverage paid for by the government that goes much further than Obamacare, is a sign that it is a live issue.

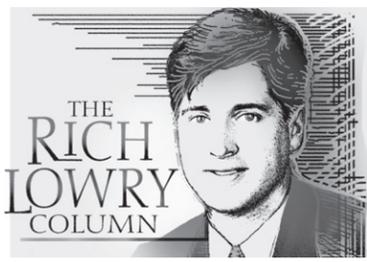
Popularized by Bernie Sanders, Medicare-for-all is not just a fringy left-wing talking point anymore. It's a plank of a growing element of the Democratic Party. A raft of prospective Democratic presidential candidates has endorsed the policy, while about a third of the Democratic members of the House have joined a caucus devoted to it.

The good news for Sanders and Co. is that, in the wake of the failure of an attempted GOP repeal of Obamacare, the health care debate is clearly moving left. The bad news is that Medicare-for-all is still a completely batty, politically unserious idea.

The new study of its costs, from the conservative Mercatus Center, concludes that Medicare-for-all would increase federal spending by almost \$33 trillion during the first 10 years. The study notes that "it would be less expensive to the federal government to triple all projected appropriations," and that "doubling all currently projected federal individual and corporate income tax collections would be insufficient to finance the added federal costs of the plan."

Supporters of the idea impeached the credibility of the findings based on their source, yet a study by the centrist Urban Institute in 2016 found exactly the same thing.

The costs aren't merely a theoretical matter. Vermont, the home of Bernie Sanders, abandoned a single-payer proposal after the Democratic



governor concluded that it wasn't fiscally sustainable. Despite its Democratic supermajorities, California gave up on a single-payer proposal last year for the same reason – the projected cost was twice as much as the state budget.

The upside is that Medicare-for-all purports to save on overall health care spending by ratcheting down payments to health care providers. Medicare does indeed pay less to hospitals than private insurers, but it's not clear that this would be sustainable if hospitals could count on only Medicare-level payments.

Since Medicare-for-all would eliminate insurance premiums and provide health care free of charge, it would create an incentive for more usage, and more health care expenditures.

All of this is why the natural gravity in a single-payer system is toward brute-force price controls and rationing to control costs.

President Barack Obama had to promise that if you like your health care you can keep it because any change to private insurance is so toxic. Medicare-for-all would replace the employer-based system entirely for more than 150 million people. It wouldn't matter how much they liked their insurance – it would be gone as a matter of definition.

Republicans need to continue to develop and push their own ideas to reduce health care costs and adjust to the new reality where socialism doesn't simply represent a laugh line, but a battle that needs to be won.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2018 by King Features Synd., Inc.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM. on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 in the Board Room in the Central Office Building, 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, Texas 79932. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.170000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.360000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	4.16% Increase
Debt Service	7.64% Increase
Total Expenditures	4.54% Increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 2,976,529,223	\$ 3,081,496,993
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 182,542,110	\$ 127,787,321
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 2,034,169,213	\$ 2,282,389,191
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 156,959,797	\$ 112,504,149

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$93,555,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.360000*	\$ 1.530000	\$ 5,148	\$ 4,988
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.168160	\$ 0.344120*	\$ 1.512290	\$ 5,677	\$ 4,877
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.360000*	\$ 1.530000	\$ 5,690	\$ 4,888

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 154,584	\$ 163,885
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 129,584	\$ 138,885
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.530000	\$ 1.530000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,982.64	\$ 2,124.94
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 142.30

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.530000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.530000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 13,705,458
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 4,792,798





— Photo courtesy Town of Anthony

The Town of Anthony, TX has been chosen to participate in a pilot water program. Anthony staff members met with TWDB reps to go over the program. From left are, Mathew Schmidt (TWDB), Chris Nance, Mary Carter, Mark Sanchez, Kathleen Jackson (TWDB), Martin Lemma, Norma Gonzalez and Heber Jacques.

Anthony TX selected for pilot program

By Mary Carter
Special to the Courier

ANTHONY, TX – The Town of Anthony was one of six entities selected by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to participate in the Asset Management Program for Small Systems. Under this pilot initiative, the TWDB will provide Anthony funding for the creation of a comprehensive asset management plan, and other management tools for its water management system. Parkhill Smith & Cooper will undertake the development of the plan in cooperation with the Town of Anthony staff. Upon the successful completion of the project, Anthony will receive an asset management plan, sustainability plan, system operations and maintenance manual, compliance manual, installation of developed tools on the Town’s computer system, as well as training for system management.

TWDB Board Member Kathleen Jackson and Matthew Schmidt, TWDB staffer, met with Anthony’s staff to review the program details and requirements. The goal is to produce a successful system and comprehensive plan for managing Anthony’s water system in a financially and technically sustainable manner.

Classified Ads

VILLAGE OF VINTON, TX

Attn: Mayor Manuel Leos, 436 E. Vinton Road. City Hall is accessible for handicapped persons in need of special assistance to attend the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Secretary at (915) 886-5104, forty eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of the budget are available for review at 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m., August 21, 2017, at City Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas. The purpose of the public Hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget

Those unable to attend are invited to submit their views in writing to the Village of Vinton, *Andrea N. Carrillo Village Administrator* WTCC: 08-09-18

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 18th-century French writer Sebastien Nicolas de Chamfort who made the following sage observation: “Conscience is a dog that does not stop us from passing but that we cannot prevent from barking.”

- You might be surprised to learn that famed British author Aldous Huxley, best-known for his dystopian novel “Brave New World,” was a consultant on Disney’s 1951 animated film version of “Alice in Wonderland.”

- If you bring to mind an image of John Lennon, more likely than not you’ll see him in your mind’s eye wearing a pair of round spectacles. In July 2007, a single pair of those iconic glasses was sold at auction for a whopping \$2 million.

- The tongue of the alligator is fastened to the jaw all the way around. That’s why you’ll never see a gator stick out its tongue.

- You might be surprised to learn that the kilt originated not in Scotland, but in France.

- You probably know that certain species of snakes can grow to enormous size, with the longest specimens reaching upward of 30 feet in length and the heaviest weighing more than 400 pounds. Kind of makes you wonder what these monstrous serpents eat – and you might be surprised. According to reports, a pet python named Houdini swallowed a queen-size electric blanket. Even more amazingly, after a two-hour operation, the snake lived!

- Those who track radio statistics say Led Zeppelin’s “Stairway to Heaven” is the most-requested song in the United States – and this despite the fact that it was never released as a single on this side of the Atlantic.

Thought for the Day: “There’s no secret about success. Did you ever know a successful man who didn’t tell you about it?”
– Kin Hubbard

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Canutillo Independent School District 2018-2019 Meal Policy

The Canutillo Independent School District will provide free meals to students enrolled in the districts at no charge, under the Community Eligibility Provision Program, regardless of income, through the academic year of 2018-2019.

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Política sobre Alimentos para 2018-2019 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo proporcionará alimentos a todos los estudiantes inscritos en el distrito sin costo alguno, durante todo el ciclo escolar 2018-2019 sin importar el ingreso familiar, bajo el programa Community Eligibility Provision.

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Las personas con dificultades auditivas, o con discapacidad del habla pueden contactar al USDA por medio del Federal Relay Service (Servicio federal de transmisión) al (800) 877-8339 o (800) 845-6136 (en español).

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Aug. 20, 1911, a dispatcher in The New York Times office sends the first telegram around the world via commercial service. The message was relayed by 16 different operators and came back to the original dispatcher 16.5 minutes later.

• On Aug. 21, 1987, "Dirty Dancing," starring Patrick Swayze, opens in theaters. The film was a surprise box-office hit and turned Swayze into a Hollywood star.

• On Aug. 22, 1992, in the second day of a standoff at Randy Weaver's remote Idaho cabin atop Ruby Ridge, an FBI sharpshooter wounds Weaver and Kevin Harris, and then kills Weaver's wife, Vicki, who was in a doorway holding her infant daughter.

• On Aug. 23, 1904, Harold Weed of Canastota, New York, is issued U.S. Patent No. 768,495 for his "Grip-Tread for Pneumatic Tires," a nonskid tire chain to be used on automobiles in order to increase traction on slick roads. He drew inspiration from the habit of local motorists who wrapped rope around their tires.

• On Aug. 24, 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces overwhelm American militiamen and march unopposed into Washington, D.C. Most congressmen and officials had already fled. The British officers dined that night at the deserted White House as the British troops began setting the city aflame.

• On Aug. 25, 1835, the first in a series of six articles announcing the discovery of life on the moon appears in the New York Sun newspaper. "The Great Moon Hoax" described evidence of life forms including unicorns and winged humanoids resembling bats.

• On Aug. 26, 1959, the British Motor Corporation launches its newest car, the small, affordable \$800 Mark I Mini. The diminutive Mini went on to become one of the best-selling British cars in history.

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Cowboys

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horse training and currently has a small business in farming and breeding sheep. He is also a volunteer with Texas A & M Agri-Live Extension in El Paso, where he gives classes on sheep and goat production and other work.

Avila's presentation is part of EPAS's on-going monthly lecture series. EPAS, founded in 1922, is a non-profit group whose membership is open to individuals and organizations interested in anthropology, archaeology and in the preservation of prehistoric and historic cultural resources.

Membership information can be found on the EPAS website at <http://epas.com/membership.htm>.

EPAS members are currently taking part in archaeological tours and volunteer field work organized by the non-profit Jornada Research Institute (JRI) of Tularosa, New Mexico. JRI's mission is to study the archaeological, ethno-historic, historic and natural resources of the northern Chihuahuan Desert of Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas and adjacent regions.

For more information about Avila's upcoming presentation or about EPAS, contact the organization's media consultant, Fernando Arias, at 915-449-9075, or send email to nando79935@gmail.com.

SISD

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and allocation of funds, showing the district's primary financial focus on student instruction.

"The COE's mission is to promote and recognize excellence in financial reporting, specifically through a district's CAFR," said ASBO International Executive Director John Musso in a press release. "The CAFR informs parents and other stakeholders about the financial and economic state of the district, making it an important communications tool for building trust and engaging with the school community."

In 2017, SISD also was recognized by the Government Official Financial Office, the Texas Education Agency's School Financial Integrity Rating System, the Texas Association of School Business Officials, and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for outstanding financial reporting and accountability.

"We are fiscally sound in our financial reporting," said Rene Vargas, director of business services. "Every transaction is accounted for. We are highly transparent in our financial reporting and we maintain high general accepted accounting principles."

Public Notice

Canutillo Independent School District

Notice of Non-Discrimination in Career and Technical Education Programs

Canutillo Independent School District offers Career and Technical Education programs in Arts; A/V Technology and Communications; Agriculture Science Technology; Business Management and Administration; Exploring Careers; Career Preparation; Health Science; Information Technology Education; Finance and Education Training; Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security; Hospitality and Tourism; Science; Technology; Engineering and Mathematics. Admission to these programs is based on career counseling, interests and aptitudes, age appropriateness, eligibility, and class space availability.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Canutillo Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and Career and Technical Education programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Martha Carrasco, (915) 877-7423, mcarrasco@canutillo-isd.org and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Cary Chambers, (915) 877-7449, cchambers@canutillo-isd.org, at 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932.

Aviso al Público

Notificación de No Discriminación en los Programas Educativos de Carreras Técnicas y Vocacional

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo ofrece programas de Educación en Carreras Técnicas y Vocacionales en las siguientes ramas: artes; tecnología y comunicación arte y visual; ciencias en tecnología agrónoma, administración y gestión empresarial; exploración de profesiones; ciencias de salud; tecnología informativa; finanzas; estudios en leyes, seguridad pública y correccionales; hospitalidad y turismo; ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas (STEM, por sus siglas en inglés).

Es la política del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo el no discriminar la participación en estos programas por motivos de raza, color de piel, nacionalidad, género, discapacidad o edad en los programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y Educativos de Carrera y Técnicas y Vocacionales.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con la Coordinadora del Título IX, Martha Carrasco, al P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, teléfono (915) 877-7423, correo electrónico: mcarrasco@canutillo-isd.org, o el Coordinadora de la Sección 504, Cary Chambers, teléfono (915) 877-7449, correo electrónico: cchambers@canutillo-isd.org, al 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932.

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CryptoQuip Answer

TV interview program on which the guests traumatize and confound people: "Faze the Nation."



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Dimel looks to rejuvenate Miners after dismal season

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Another football season is quickly coming upon us. And it's about time.

We football fans suffer greatly waiting for the long summer to do its thing before we can once again hear the clashing of helmets and shoulder pads.

And speaking of suffering fans, maybe except for Cleveland Browns fans, no other group suffered more than UTEP football fans.

I guess you could say the UTEP Miners were the Cleveland Browns of college

football last season.

In fact, the Miners were the only team in the country that went 0-12.

And they were a boring 0-12; UTEP was easily the worst offensive team in the nation. When Mike Price's teams were losing, they could at least put points on the board.

After decades of some of the worst college football known to mankind, it was the first time UTEP had ever sunk to 0-12.

Unfortunately, that's the challenge new UTEP football coach Dana Dimel faces as he leads the Miners through his first series of fall practices at Camp Ruidoso.

The question is how do you turn a

horrible program into a respectable one in a year?

The answer is – you don't.

That's not Dimel's job this season. At least it's not realistic to ask him to magically make the Miners a 6-6 team. Of course he would take that in an instant.

But seeing an improvement in technique and hustle and decision-making and aggressiveness would be a giant step in the right direction.

If the Miners were to go out and win 3-4 games this year that might be enough to ensure Dimel enough votes for mayor in the next election.

But remember, many of the same players that were on that 0-12 team are on this year's squad. The magic will be getting them to get more out of themselves.

There's no doubt that there is plenty of optimism in El Paso about both the football and basketball programs. At this point that's all it is – optimism.

In fact, every team in the United States is optimistic right now.

As with any football team, success starts at the quarterback position. And

unfortunately for the Miners, the guy at that position has not yet been determined.

New guy Kai Locksley and veteran Ryan Metz are going back and forth practicing with the first team. It's obviously better when a team has a proven leader at the helm and Dimel is still hoping one guy separates himself from the other.

Tailback Quadraiz Wadley, who looked really good last year before he was injured, is back and healthy and ready to go. Americas High grad Josh Fields showed signs of being a legitimate running threat last season.

The Miners are hoping for improvement from their receiving corps, who just couldn't catch the ball consistently last year. And the last thing a receiver should have trouble with is catching a football.

A problem with the Miners for years has been the defense, but UTEP is actually better than usual there. And if they can score a few points that could lead to some close wins.

It's funny, it's as if the Miners put so

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1** will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 0.006326 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 16, 2018 at 6:30p.m., at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, TX 79928.

The second public hearing will be held on August 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, Texas 79928.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Bill Mayberry, Allen Keys, Jose Berumen and Jay Koester

AGAINST: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: Gerardo Sanchez

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1** in 2017 was \$119,960. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.099468 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$119.32.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1** in 2018 is \$127,505. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.093674 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$119.44.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.100000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$127.50.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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Notice of 2018 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate for Village of Vinton

A tax rate of \$0.752445 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of VILLAGE OF VINTON. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of VILLAGE OF VINTON proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of balancing the budget, covering for the water and sewer project, matching a grant for a new park, purchase of new equipment, and maintenance of one park.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.752445 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.638369 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.658264 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.752445 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for VILLAGE OF VINTON from the same properties in both the 2017 tax year and the 2018 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that VILLAGE OF VINTON may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount = (rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Maria O. Pasillas, RTA
CITY OF EL PASO Tax Assessor-Collector
221 N. Kansas, Suite 300
El Paso, TX 79901
915-212-0106
citytaxoffice@elpasotexas.gov
www.elpasotexas.gov/tax-office

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 21, 2018 at 6:30 PM at City Hall located at 436 East Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX 79821.

Second Hearing: September 4, 2018 at 6:30 PM at City Hall located at 436 East Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX 79821.

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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Is it OK to crush pills?

DEAR DR. ROACH: I would like to know your opinion about whether it is OK to crush up different psychiatric medications and put them in a small container of water to drink. This doesn't seem very safe to me, but I'd like an expert opinion. – Anon.

I'll give you my answer, and also tell you where to find an expert opinion. My answer is that many people have trouble swallowing pills, and that most pills can be crushed and taken with water or mixed in with food. Your local pharmacy sells pill crushers, or you can get a mortar and pestle.



While you are at the pharmacy, ask your pharmacist.

He or she can look at your medications and tell you whether it is safe for you to crush your particular medications. Slow-release medications, of which there are many, should not be crushed. Often, the bottle will tell you, but ask your pharmacist for the expert opinion.

DEAR DR. ROACH: What are your thoughts about the MiraDRY procedure to get rid of underarm sweat? Is it safe not to have sweat under the arms? – S.J.

MiraDRY is the brand name of a microwave device designed to treat hyperhidrosis (excessive sweating). This is not normal underarm sweating, but a rare condition of abnormal, drenching sweat that greatly interferes with social activities. It is currently used only for underarms – not hands, feet or face, the other most common places for localized hyperhidrosis.

According to several published papers, the microwaves heat up the water in the sweat glands, destroying them, while the skin itself is cooled. The published success rates (at reducing sweating to "never noticeable" or "tolerable") are very high, as are patient satisfaction results. Side effects included swelling, redness and temporary numbness.

This is a new procedure, but it appears to have promise in the treatment of excess sweating. I also found a very helpful website at www.sweathelp.org.

DEAR DR. ROACH: What causes foot drop? Is there any cure for it? – B.H.

Foot drop is most commonly caused by damage to the peroneal nerve, which wraps around the fibula, one of the two

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Super Crossword

SEEING THINGS ACROSS

- 1 Brand of taco shells
- 7 Serapes, e.g.
- 13 Holders of strike signs
- 20 Film critic Richard
- 21 Social outcast
- 22 Be given via will
- 23 "Get Smart" device for a secret conversation
- 25 All excited
- 26 One using a plus sign
- 27 Rose Bowl sch.
- 28 Mario Lanza, for one
- 30 Hands over
- 32 Classmate
- 38 People swearing
- 42 Actress Reid and skater Lipinski
- 43 Barrett of gossip columns
- 44 1990s IBM computer
- 45 Give out, as a task
- 47 Helps out
- 50 Withholding corporal punishment, biblically
- 52 Baja naps
- 53 Holiday in Hanoi
- 54 Oven output
- 55 Imitated
- 56 Top pitcher

- 57 Mag revenue source
- 61 Get bloated
- 65 Leaps over
- 67 PBS series featuring documentary films
- 70 _ tank
- 73 Keyboard instruments
- 74 Avers
- 78 Gardner of the screen
- 79 Biblical king before David
- 81 Join closely
- 83 Historic time
- 84 Like some snakelike fish
- 86 High-definition iPad feature
- 92 Faux names
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- 94 Arrive at a choice
- 95 City near Lake Tahoe
- 96 Watson's partner
- 97 Popping-up appliance
- 98 "Under the Net" novelist
- 102 Shovel go-withs
- 104 "Cheerio!"
- 105 High wind
- 106 Private stash
- 111 Provides
- 115 Punny statement

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- 42 Mao of China
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- 46 One forming something
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- 51 Indian butter
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- 58 Indy area
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- 76 Vocation

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- 87 Actor Close
- 88 Cal _
- 89 Big star, say
- 90 Picture of an ocean view
- 91 Mac rivals
- 96 String after B
- 97 Track beams
- 99 _ Polo
- 100 Cow's milk source
- 101 Gets higher
- 102 Wage recipient
- 103 At the ready
- 105 Unit of heredity
- 107 State boldly
- 108 Old Briton
- 109 Hawaii County seat
- 110 Rival school of Harrow
- 111 Not fore
- 112 "Bah!"
- 113 Groupie, e.g.
- 114 Come- (skills)
- 116 Sombrero, for example
- 117 Be wrong
- 118 Sci-fi's Solo

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Health

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bones of the leg (anatomically, only the lower leg is called the leg, as opposed to the thigh). The nerve can be damaged from trauma, such as during surgery or prolonged hospitalization. Leg casts and prolonged positioning with stress on the nerve, such as squatting, also can damage the nerve. Most people describe numbness but not pain, and the dropped foot can cause people to trip, so people with this condition learn to flex the hip to lift the thigh up higher. The diagnosis can be confirmed by electrical studies

of the nerves.

Treatment usually is to prevent further damage, with a splint to keep the foot flexed upward. A physical therapist can prescribe helpful exercises.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2018 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: F equals A

NK AQNMUKAMZ LUSTUFV SQ
ZGAXG NGM TPMDND NUFVFNAM
FQW XSQISPQW LMSLHM:
"IFOM NGM QFNASQ."

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

Answer Page 5

◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Clinic reminders by cellphone



by Freddy Groves

If you're a patient and you have a new cellphone number, you need to tell the Department of Veterans Affairs. It has a new system to remind patients about upcoming appointments, and thus far, it's managed to reduce no-shows by more than 100,000 appointments. As of July, 319,000 appointments had been canceled in advance, opening up the time slots for others.

The first reminder text message on your phone will come seven days in advance of the appointment, with a second one two days prior. When the call comes, follow the prompts in the message to confirm that you still want the appointment, or you can cancel it. If you have more than one appointment the same day, you'll get a message for each one. Be sure to respond to each one individually.

If you're enrolled in VA health care and previously

entered a cell number, you're automatically enrolled. If you need to change that number, or if you get a cellphone for the first time, let them know when you check in or out.

If you don't want these messages and want to opt out, reply STOP to any message and you won't get more of them. Later, to restart your appointment alerts, go to a previous reminder message and type in START.

These messages are only for clinic appointments, not for getting labs, community care or telephone clinics. If you're getting letters or automated calls, you'll still get those.

At this point, only the clinic name is included in the message. However, the VA is working on a way to expand the information you receive in the reminder and give more details about your appointment.

If you have questions about how the calling system works, go to the FAQ at www.va.gov/HEALTH/VEText.asp and scroll to the bottom of the page.

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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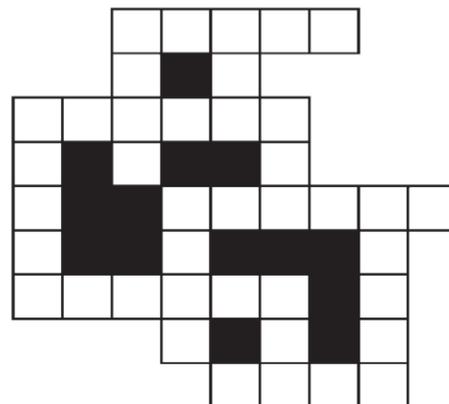
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- WADOME
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- ♥ENWA
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- AOG
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- MAGEL
- NWI
- PENDBA
- WOGLA
- MOPP



Answer Page 5

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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• "Want to make sure that your kids stay on schedule and get the right amount of sleep? Keep the TV off in the morning. Limit TV (and computer/game) time in the hour before bedtime. This works in our family."
- R.G. in Georgia

• "I have lost more than 30 pounds in the past year. Every time I go down a dress size, I give away the clothes that are too big. It gives me added incentive to maintain the weight loss."
- J.H. in Arizona

• Back to school hack: Dry-erase markers work on glass. That means the bathroom mirror, your daughter's vanity, a photo frame or any other glass surface can be used to write notes on. Try chalk markers, too; they're vibrant and colorful, plus opaque enough to be seen with any background, and they clean up with water.

• Use a flowerpot of oiled sand to store your hand garden tools. The sand cleans and the oil lubricates and protects.

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Sports

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much emphasis on improving their defense that they totally forgot about the offense. Now the two have flip-flopped completely.

The Miners open their season on Sept. 1 at home against Northern Arizona.

Then they travel to UNLV and Tennessee on consecutive weeks before returning home to face New Mexico State on Sept. 22.

And after the success NMSU had a year ago, wouldn't the Miners love to reestablish their dominance over their I-10 rival.

Of course, before any of that can happen, the Miners still have another week to go in Ruidoso. Another week to bring a team together and change the attitudes of young men from wondering if they can win, to knowing they will win.

Coach Dana Dimel may have the toughest college coaching job in the nation. But there may be no one better, since he's done this kind of thing before.

Miner fans are ready to make the Sun Bowl the place to be in the fall.

Now it's up to the team to keep those fans coming.